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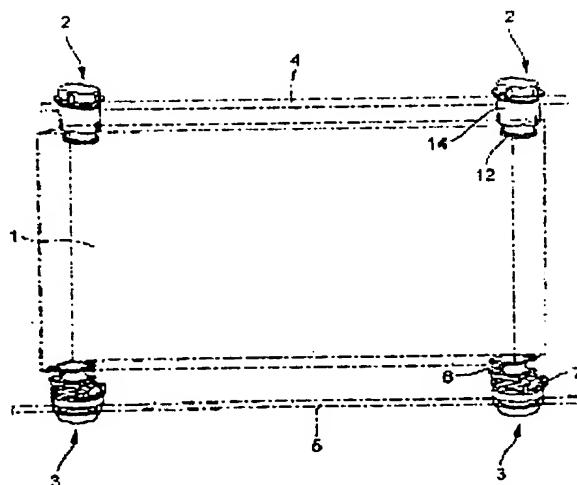
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(54) Bezeichnung: WÄRMETAUSCHER MIT BEFESTIGUNGSELEMENTEN IN INSBESONDERE EINEM KRAFTFAHRZEUG



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a heat exchanger (1) comprising fixing elements which are provided with points of fracture, in particular in a vehicle. The aim of said invention is to provide said heat exchanger with restorable points of fracture and to make it possible to easily reassemble them after the separation thereof. For this purpose, the inventive heat exchanger (1) is characterised in that at least one fixing element is provided with a first and second area (6, 7; 12, 14) and with a quick release coupling therebetween; two areas (6, 12) form an inseparable component of the heat exchanger (1); the two areas (6, 7; 12, 14) are fixable to each other by a positive connection when the quick release coupling is closed; the coupling systems of one of the areas (6, 7; 12, 14) are provided with at least one point of fracture and in that the coupling systems provided with at least one point of fracture are arranged on the area (7, 14) which is detachable from said heat exchanger.

(57) Zusammenfassung: Ein Wärmetauscher (1) mit Sollbruchstellen umfassenden Befestigungselementen, in insbesondere einem Fahrzeug, soll mit wiederherstellbaren Sollbruchstellen ausgerüstet sein und nach erfolgter Ruffrennung der Sollbruchstellen einfach remontierbar sein. Zu diesem Zweck zeichnet

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sich ein solcher Wärmetauscher (1) durch folgende Merkmale aus, - mindestens eines der Befestigungselemente umfässt einen ersten und zweiten Bereich (6, 7; 12, 14) mit einer Schnellverschlussverbindung zwischen diesen beiden Bereichen (6, 7; 12, 14), - jeweils einer der beiden Bereiche (6; 12) ist untrennbarer Bestandteil des Wärmetauschers (1), - bei geschlossener Schnellverschlussverbindung greifen die jeweils beiden Bereiche (6, 7; 12, 14) formschlüssig fixierwirkend ineinander, - die Verschlussmittel eines der beiden Bereiche (6, 7; 12, 14) sind mit mindestens einer Sollbruchstelle versehen, - das mit der mindestens einen Sollbruchstelle versehenen Verschlussmittel befindet sich an dem von dem Wärmetauscher (1) trennbaren Bereich (7, 14).